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**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)

107101-00050

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Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,946,906, granted September 7, 1999 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled \_\_\_\_\_EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on March 16, 2004 as reissue application number 10/800,651and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

☒ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.☐ by reason of other errors.

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Claim 1 was broadened to delete the feature "wherein the improvement comprises: the valve means is provided adjacent the branching point in the exhaust path; and a chamber is provided surrounding the branching point such that the conduit is connected to the bypass at one end of the chamber" which was included in patent Claim 1.

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